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9 January 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR SPECIAL OPERATIONS

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SUBJECT: Establishment of Major Radio Base [REDACTED]

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1. According to the Chief, FRU, the [REDACTED] will not only be an excellent Communications Base but is also admirably suited as an [REDACTED]

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2. In view of the amount of money that may be expended on this base, the following conditions are brought to your attention:

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a. It is unknown whether National Estimates assume that [REDACTED] will be held.

b. No information can be obtained regarding the land rights to the [REDACTED]

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3. Although OPC has negotiated for the land at [REDACTED] there is no final record of any agreement, lease, or permanent understanding as to the use of this land. Also, there is no indication that this proposal has been cleared with the Chief, Administrative Services, who under CIA Regulation [REDACTED]

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4. Since this new [REDACTED] Base will be under the Chief, FRU, for administrative purposes, and since he has no detailed knowledge of the foregoing agreement [REDACTED] to use the Base for this purpose, it is incumbent upon him, upon return to [REDACTED] to review the program and cable full details of the agreement to Headquarters to enable further clearance with Services if necessary.

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5. In view of the emergency situation [REDACTED] your approval of the memoranda from the Joint OSO/OPC Communications Board dated 29 November 1950 and the Chief, Communications Division, dated 8 January 1951 is recommended subject to the following conditions:

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a. That the major radio station [REDACTED] be administratively under the Chief, FRU.

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b. That the Chief, FRU, meet with the Joint OSD/OPC Communications Board immediately and work out details to activate the Base prior to his departure [redacted]

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c. That a letter of agreement be obtained by the Chief, FRU, from competent [redacted] authority to grant the use of sufficient land area at [redacted] to serve the [redacted] needs of CIA.

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d. That all other conditions required by current regulations be met after the agreement has been formally obtained.

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Executive Officer

cc: [redacted]

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